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## Facts About Tonto Reservoir

The size of the job can be seen by noting the following facts about the great reservoir:

Height of dam above bedrock, 266 feet.

Height of dam above low water mark, 230 feet.

Thickness of dam at base, 158 feet.

Thickness of dam at crest, 16 feet.

Drive way on crest, 12 feet in the clear.

Length of dam at bottom, 210 feet.

Length of dam at crest, 780 feet.

Height of spillway above low water mark, 210 feet.

Length of spillways, one at each end of dam, 200 feet.

Excavation for foundation, 76,000 yards.

Total yards of masonry in entire structure, 306,400.

Amount of water stored, full capacity, 1,100,000 acre feet.

Area of drainage basin, 5,756 square miles.

Area of reservoir, 14,000 acres.

Amount of cement in dam, 150,000 barrels.

Width of power canal, 8 feet.

Constant power developed, 1,200 horse power.

Size of diversion tunnels through solid rock, 10 by 15 feet.

Estimated cost per acre foot, \$2.27.

## New Laws

The following is a list of bills that have been passed by both houses of the legislature and have received the governor's signature.

H. B. No. 1—An act for the appropriation of current expenses. Introduced by Lamar Cobb, Jr., of Graham.

H. B. No. 2—An act for the appropriation of current expenses. Introduced by Leroy Anderson of Yavapai.

H. B. No. 3—An act authorizing the Territorial Auditor to draw his warrants on the Territorial Treasurer. Introduced by Watson Pickrell of Maricopa.

H. B. No. 32—An act for printing 500 copies of the Session laws of 1903 and making appropriation therefor. Introduced by Leroy Anderson of Yavapai.

Council bill No. 6—An act authorizing Apache county to issue bonds in the sum of \$15,000 for the erection of a court house at St. Johns, Apache county. Introduced by Alfred Ruiz of Apache.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate today at an executive session held after the disposition of business late this afternoon, following the conclusion of the Swayne impeachment voting, confirmed the nomination of Jos. H. Kibbey to be governor of Arizona. The nomination was sent to the senate two weeks ago and a week later at the first meeting of the committee on territories it was favorably reported.

Since then the first executive session of the senate was held today.

## HASSAYAMPERS STORY

Special to the Denver News.

Flagstaff, Ariz. Feb. 27.—James R. Hinsen, who has come here with his family from Holbrook, says that the people are deserting that town and also St. Johns on account of fear that the dam of the St. Johns Reservoir company will break and destroy both cities along with property worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The dam of the St. Johns company is fifty-five feet high and the water at seven o'clock this evening was reported within four feet of the top. It is slowly rising and will soon be flowing over the top of the dam. On account of the breaking of chains with which the flood gate was worked it has been impossible to work the apparatus and the terrible strain on the dam cannot be relieved.

Rains almost incessant during the past two weeks have caused the water to back up for seven miles.

St. Johns is but six miles below the dam and Holbrook seventy. The first named place will be swept off the map if the dam breaks while in its present condition. The women and children in that place have been moved to high ground and are living in tents.

At a late hour the water is reported to be cutting an outlet around one side of the dam. A large force of men is just about able to keep this filled with brush, rock and sand. They are preventing the flood from gaining, but are making little headway.

For one hundred miles below the dam stretches a narrow valley, down which the released water will sweep faster than a horse can run if the dam gives way. It will destroy several hundred farms, drown thousands of head of stock and practically bankrupt every farmer. Both St. Johns and Holbrook are on the bank of a small river which will be followed by the water should the dam break. A late report here is that both St. Johns and Holbrook are practically deserted. Both towns are in Apache county.

James R. Hinsen is unknown here and judging from the above article he never has been here; speaking of the height of the water in the dam at 7 o'clock in the of the 27th would lead one to believe that you could get the news from St. Johns at any hour you chose, when the fact of it is it takes at least 12 hours to receive

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communications from St. Johns when the roads are in 1st class condition, and of late it has been so muddy that it has been almost impossible for a team to get here from St. Johns, unless coming via Snowflake, by this route it would take at least 24 hours to get here.

The following clipping from the St. Johns Herald, on Feb. 23, which arrived here Thursday eve, March 2nd, shows that Mr. Hinsen must have been having a pipe dream.

The gate at the Salada reservoir was at last raised Wednesday, and the people who were expecting to be washed away in the event of the reservoir dam breaking, are now breathing more freely after a good long sigh of relief upon hearing the gate was raised.

### Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Prescott, A. T. Feb 17, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before F. J. Wattron, U. S. Court Commissioner at Holbrook, Arizona, on April 17, 1905, viz: Frank Nikolaus, for the E½ & Nwt¼ of Swt¼ & Nwt¼ SE¼ Sec. 20, Tp. 10 N. R. 22 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Isreal Laxton, of ShowLow, Arizona  
Henry Mills, " Adair, "  
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Fen. S. Hildreth, Register

Several good showers have fallen this week.

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